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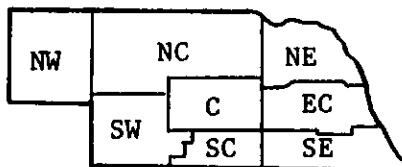
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WEATHER

Temperatures were below normal Monday and Tuesday and above normal the remainder of the period. The cooling occurred during the period along with showers and thunderstorms. Precipitation was quite variable ranging from just a trace to 2½ inches in the South Central portion of the State.

Irrigated corn was in mostly good condition across the State. Over 60% of the corn has silked which is the same as a year ago. Dryland corn suffered from the heat and is in mostly fair condition but needs rain. The North Central and Northeast Districts are reporting the poorest conditions. The dryland corn is 40% silked which compares to 45% a year ago.

GENERAL

Dryland crops continue to need moisture. Scattered showers last week brought relief in some localities but were not general enough to improve overall crop conditions in the State.

Surface moisture improved last week with the rainfall but is still short. Topsoil moisture was reported as short in 77% of the counties and adequate in 23%. Subsoil supplies declined despite the rain to 86% short and 14% adequate. A year ago, topsoil moisture was reported as 48% short and subsoil moisture was 55% short.

Sorghum and soybeans are now in fair to good condition. Sorghum heading is slightly ahead of normal with almost 25% headed compared to 15% normal and a year ago. Greenbugs continue to be a problem in the sorghum fields. Soybeans are about 20% podded compared with 15% last year and a normal of 10%.

Dry beans and sugar beets continue to be in mostly good condition. Dry bean maturity appears to be running a little ahead of schedule.

Alfalfa and wild hay remain in mostly fair condition although growth is slow due to the dry weather. The second cutting of alfalfa is now 77% complete. Smaller third cuttings are expected if moisture is not received.

CROPS

Wheat harvest continued ahead of schedule with 95% completed. This compares to 85% normally harvested at this time and a year ago. The North Central and Northwest Districts are the only districts reporting significant numbers of acres yet to be harvested.

Corn remained in mostly good condition last week. Rootworms were reportedly causing some damage in some areas across the State.

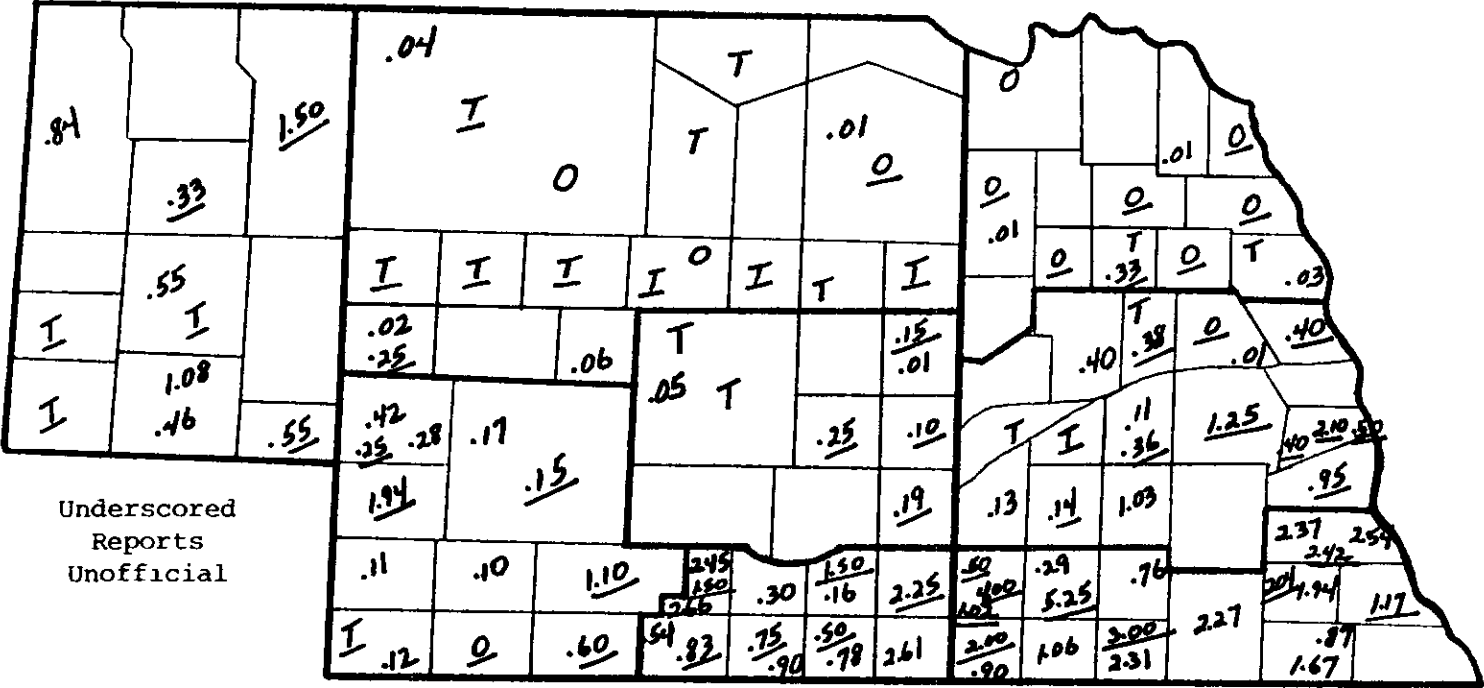
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies declined again last week and are short in 76% of the counties reporting. Some counties report additional feeding of hay has been required.

Precipitation, April 1 - July 23, 1976

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.60	.00	.00	.00	.30	.20	1.30	1.50
Total since April 1.....	8.70	8.60	10.60	12.50	10.40	7.60	9.80	14.20
Normal since April 1.....	10.24	11.53	13.47	12.70	14.31	10.61	12.78	15.03

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1976



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1976

Station		Temperatures				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	96	54	77	--	.33
	Scottsbluff	96	56	76	+1	.14
	Sidney	93	55	73	--	--
NC	Burwell	97	62	79	--	T
	Valentine	98	57	79	+4	.07
NE	Norfolk	97	64	81	+5	T
	Sioux City	95	58	78	+2	.01
CEN	Grand Island	99	63	81	+4	.11
EC	Lincoln	95	64	81	+3	.97
	Omaha	98	63	82	+4	.36
SW	Imperial	97	59	77	--	.10
	North Platte	96	57	76	+1	.25

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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